



Northside Drive
BAPTIST CHURCH

The Pinnacle

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March 5, 2026

March 8 | Livestream * Order of Worship

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship



"What happened at the Southern Baptist Convention in San Antonio is that another Alamo took place. And while that may sound dramatic, that is exactly what occurred. The moderates were overrun. Our defenses were outstripped. Our strategies were outmanned. In brief, we (SBC) are becoming more creedalistic, more authoritarian, less lay-oriented, and more clergy/male-dominated than ever before. The wolf has eaten grandma and Little Red Riding Hood is terribly winded and tired of running."

These were the reflections of former Northside Drive Baptist Church Pastor Tom Conley upon returning from the Southern Baptist Convention in San Antonio in 1988. A tectonic shift was taking place in the SBC. The days of moderates and conservatives finding common cause were coming to an end.

Professor Walter (Buddy) Shurden documented a precipitous gathering of moderate Baptists in Atlanta, August 23-25, 1990. "In Atlanta, some things happened: we got, if not a slogan, some 'words.' Jimmy Allen gave us a word: 'The Fellowship.' Even though it was steaming hot in Atlanta, 23-25 August 1990, it felt strangely similar to the season of Advent. Hope was being birthed."

By the next year, 'The Fellowship' became the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. CBF never intended to become a denomination in the old parlance. Sometimes it has been called a denominational network. The primary functions of CBF are connectional and missional. Each year CBF hosts a General Assembly during the month of June. This summer, it will be held in Jacksonville, FL.

CBF field personnel are active in 13 countries worldwide. As a church, we are connected with Carson and Laura Foushee in Japan; Marc and Kim Wyatt in the Research Triangle region of North Carolina; Rick Burnette in Immokalee, FL; and Eddie and Macarena Aldape in Spain, the parents of Alyssa Aldape who was once on staff and was ordained at NDBC. You can read more about the activities of CBF on their website www.cbf.net.

Northside Drive has been affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship since its inception. We are also affiliated with the more progressive "Alliance of Baptists," but that story

will be the topic of another article.

This Sunday, March 8, we are excited to welcome the Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley, the Executive Coordinator of CBF, to our church. Paul will visit the Art and Soul class for a time of learning and sharing. He will preach in our worship service. Then, he will stay for lunch in our Chapel. Please let Barbara Atchley know if you would like to join us for lunch.

Paul has pastored churches in both North Carolina and Georgia, most recently at First Baptist Church of Athens. Paul holds degrees from Wake Forest University, Duke Divinity School, and The Baptist Seminary at Richmond.

Join us on Sunday as we learn more about the work of CBF!

Scott

Missions Lunch and Learn with Paul Baxley | March 8 | 12:15 PM



The congregation is invited to join the Missions Ministry Team in the Chapel for a light lunch and conversation with Paul Baxley after worship this Sunday, March 8.

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Missions Ministry Team

Family Choir



This Sunday, March 8, Family Choir will meet immediately after church at the Sanctuary piano.

Catherine Campbell

Nominating Committee Begins Work

As the Nominating Committee begins preparing for the coming church year (2026-2027), we wanted to share a small but important update to our process. We are asking committee chairs to contact their members and ask whether their members will be staying on the committee. We will also share a link in future Pinnacles allowing individuals to sign up to serve on committees which interest them. Many members serve on more than one committee. Please connect directly with your committee chairs and let them know before April 1 whether you plan to step off. This change will allow us to streamline the process and avoid having sign-up sheets on tables in the Narthex for several weeks. We will provide a listing of the committees and some information about each committee along with the link to volunteer in future Pinnacles.

We will have ballots and voting boxes in the Narthex for nominating new members to the Finance and Personnel committees as well as the Diaconate. These committees have specific term limits for members, and we will need to fill vacant positions as individual terms end. We will also be taking nominations for a new moderator. Please be prayerful as we move through this process to select our leadership for the coming church year, which begins in August.

Thank you,
Nancy Hall

Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs | March 9 | 10:30 AM



The next meeting for Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs will be Monday, March 9, 2026, at 10:30 AM in the Chapel. The speaker will be Melanie Furr and the topic will be, "All about Hummingbirds & Pollinator Plants."

Carolyn Herndon

Triple E: "Thar's Gold in Them Thar Hills" | March 10 | 11:00 AM



Mark Bryson has heard this familiar phrase his whole life, having grown up in Dahlonga, GA. It was a rallying cry for the mountain town and is part of the history and folklore of the region since the early 19th century when gold was discovered there. The story of Georgia gold and how it shaped the state and the country is one of heroes and villains, technology and hard manual labor, risk and reward, risk and failure, and the westward expansion of the frontier of the Deep South. Come join us for Mark's wonderful presentation!

Please RSVP by March 6 to Barbara Atchley at atchley2005@gmail.com or 404-310-9635.

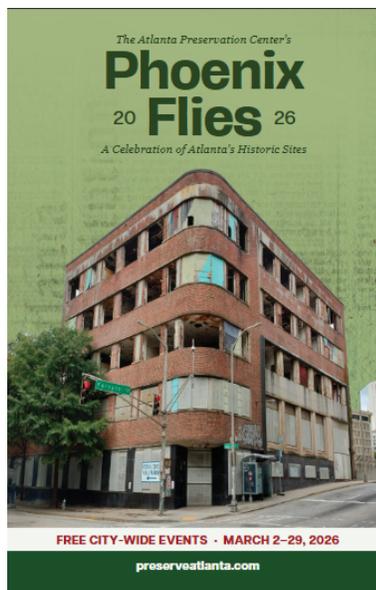
A Preservation Celebration in Atlanta through Phoenix Flies

Northside Drive, a proud participant in Phoenix Flies since 2018, is again showcasing its richly- colored faceted Willet Studio-designed windows, as presented by member and art historian Jordan Clark.

Presentation: Sunday, March 15, after the worship service, 12:15 PM.

Please plan to attend and invite others interested in our church's rich history and community outreach opportunities.

Other Phoenix Flies events may be explored at this program [LINK](#).



This Sunday



Adult Church School

Led by Paul Baxley
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Discussion
9:30 AM | *Room 202*

Children's Church School

10:00 AM | *Undercroft*

Worship

11:00 AM | *Sanctuary*

Missions Lunch with Paul Baxley

12:15 PM | *Chapel*

Upcoming Events

Fulton Federation of Garden Clubs Meeting
March 9 | 10:30 AM
Chapel

Triple E:
"Thar's Gold in Them Thar Hills"
Presented by Mark Bryson
March 10 | 11:00 AM
Chapel

Wednesday Bible Study
March 11 | 10:30 AM
Room 202/Hybrid

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
March 11 | 7:00 PM
Choir Room

Phoenix Flies:
Stained Glass Tour
March 15 | 12:15 PM
Sanctuary

Deacons' Meeting
March 15 | 12:15 PM
Room 202

Worship and Music Ministry

Wednesday Night Book Discussion:

Humbler Faith, Bigger God
Chapter 5: "Intolerant Poison"

March 11 | 6:00 PM
Room 202/Hybrid

Team Meeting

March 15 | 12:15 PM
Conference Room

Church Council

March 16 | 7:00 PM
Room 202

Events

March Birthdays

Jim Mahaffey - 1
Jo Meeks - 1
Greta McLarty - 1
Virginia Gilbert - 2
Jordan Clark - 3
Andrew Taylor - 4
Elliot McLarty - 6
West Blaisdell - 7
Benjamin Cadaret - 15
Jill Dunn - 20
Lydia McCoy - 21
Dan Oakley - 26
Raj Anantaraman - 27
Walter Grant - 30

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